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REMARKS

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 4-7 and 14. Claim 4 is being amended and rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of Claim 1 and as such is believed to be in condition for allowance.

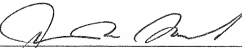
Claims 2-5 and 8-15 are being amended to depend from Claim 4. Claim 1 is being cancelled from further consideration in this application. Claim 1 is being cancelled solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by Claim 1 prior to this Amendment is not allowable over the cited references. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by Claim 1, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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